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SUBMISSION OF REPORTS BY STATES PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLES 16 AND 17 OF THE COVENANT

Follow-up to the consideration of reports under articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fourteenth session, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, recognizing the importance of periodically reviewing the implementation by States parties of its suggestions and recommendations, requested the Secretariat to submit to it, as from the fifteenth session, a document indicating all cases where a follow-up had been suggested by the Committee.

2. The information requested by the Committee is to be found in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

FOLLOW-UP TO THE CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY THE STATES PARTIES TO THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
(status as at 1 February 1997)

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
Dominican Republic	E/1990/6/Add.7 E/C.12/1996/SR.29 and 30 E/C.12/1/Add.6	The Committee invites the State party to confirm publiciy its commitment to implement its binding human rights treaty obligations. It strongly calls upon the Government of the State party to honour its obligations under the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Culutral Rights, particularly through maintaining the proper direct and constructive dialogue with the committee called for in the Covenant. The Committee proposes to adopt finally its concluding observations in relation to the State party at its sixteenth session. For that reason the Committee decides that these concluding observations will be considered "preliminary", pending further consideration of the report based on a dialogue with representatives of the State party at its sixteenth session (concluding observations, para. 26).	28 April-16 May 1997	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The Committee further recommends that the State party provide it with written replies to its concluding observations adopted at its eleventh session (E/C.12/1994/15), in particular with regard to its request that the State party invite representatives of the Committee to visit the Dominican Republic; the written list of issues drawn up with respect to the third periodic report (E/C.12/1995/LQ.7); information contained in the document "The Dominican Republic: An independent report submitted to the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by the International Women's Rights Action Watch" (concluding observations, para. 28).	28 April-16 May 1997	
		The Committee requests the State party to submit the information referred to in the preceding paragraph by 15 February 1997 in order to allow the Committee to consider that information at its sixteenth session, to be held from 28 April to 16 May 1997 (concluding observations, para. 29).	28 April-16 May 1997	
		The Committee strongly recommends that the specific information requested above be presented to the Committee at its sixteenth session by an expert delegation (concluding observations, para. 30).	28 April-16 May 1997	

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Guinea	Without report E/C.12/1996/SR.17, 22 E/C.12/1/Add.5	The Committee reiterates its request that the Government of Guinea actively participate in a constructive dialogue with the Committee on how the obligations arising from the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights can be fulfilled in a more adequate manner. It calls to the Government's attention the fact that the Covenant creates a legal obligation for all States parties to submit periodic reports and that Guinea has been in breach of this obligation for many years (concluding observations, para. 25). The Committee recommends that the Government of Guinea avails itself of the advisory services of the Centre for Human Rights of the United Nations in order to enable it to submit as soon as possible a comprehensive report on the implementation of the Covenant in conformity with the revised general guidelines adopted by the Committee in 1990 (E/C.12/1991/1) and with particular emphasis on the issues raised and concerns expressed in the concluding observations (concluding observations, para. 26).		

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		The Committee also encourages the Centre for Human Rights to make available, through its programme of advisory services and technical assistance, expert assistance to States for the purpose of formulating policies on economic, social and cultural rights, and developing the implementation of coherent and comprehensive plans of action for the promotion and protection of human rights, as well as developing adequate means of evaluating and monitoring their realization (concluding observations, para. 27).		
El Salvador	E/1990/5/Add.25 E/C.12/1996/SR.15, 16, 18 E/C.12/1/Add.4	Further information is requested on articles 6 to 8 and 15 of the Covenant, as well as on any problems encountered in this regard (concluding observations, para. 36).	31 Oct. 1996	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		Information is requested on the activities of the Office of the Procurator for the Defence of Human Rights, in particular on how much weight its recommendations carry and on the action taken on complaints it files with regard to violations of economic, social and cultural rights; information enabling the Committee to evaluate the extent to which the members of indigenous communities enjoy all the economic, social and cultural rights provided for in the Covenant (concluding observations, paras. 28 and 35). The proposal of the Centre for Human Rights concerning technical cooperation should be given favourable consideration and such assistance used to guarantee the enjoyment of economic, social and cultural rights by all (concluding observations, para. 39).	Next report	
Paraguay	E/1990/5/Add.23 E/C.12/1996/ SR.1, 2, 4 E/C.12/1/Add.1	The Committee requests the State party to provide it with written replies to the unanswered questions from the list of issues (concluding observations, para. 32).	31 Oct. 1996	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The next report should fill in the information gaps identified during the consideration of the initial report by the Committee (i.e. detailed information on the full implementation of legislative and administrative measures relating to prevention and enforcement in respect of safe and healthy working conditions; cases in which the Covenant has been invoked in the courts) (concluding observations, para. 32).	30 June 1999	
Portugal (Macao)	E/1990/6/Add.8 E/C.12/1996/SR.31-33 E/C.12/1/Add.9	The Committee takes note of the readiness of the State party to provide it with additional information in reply to the concerns expressed by it in the course of the discussion and recommends that in its replies the State party pay particular attention to the issue of family reunification and to the legislative provisions safeguarding the principles of the International Labour Organization Conventions No. 103 (Maternity Protection Convention) and No. 138 (Minimum Age Convention) and their practical applications (concluding observations, para. 16).	1 May 1997	

State party	Report/summary records/concluding observations	Follow-up measures requested	Deadline	Action taken
		The Committee recommends, in view of the lack of sufficient information provided by the State party with respect to article 10 of the Covenant, that detailed information be provided on measures taken to implement the provisions of article 10. In that connection, the attention of the State party is drawn to the relevant parts of the Committee's revised guidelines regarding the form and contents of reports to be submitted by State parties (concluding observations, para. 18). The Committee strongly urges the Portuguese Administration to take all necessary measures to ensure that the reports under the Covenant are submitted after 1999 (concluding observations, para. 24).	1 May 1997	
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: Hong Kong	E/1994/104/Add.10 E/C.12/1996/SR.39, 41, 42 and 44 E/C.12/1/Add.10	The Committee requests that, within 45 days, it receive a comprehensive response to its inquiry regarding three Vietnamese refugees who were denied medical and dental treatment, mainly for refusing to return voluntarily to Viet Nam (concluding observations, para. 42).	27 Jan. 1997	Response received on 23 Jan. 1997